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SUBJECT: BULGARIAN ARTICLE EXPANDED INTERNATIONAL ROLE FOR CEMA

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1. SUMMARY. ECONOMIC JOURNALIST AND ONE-TIME INTER-
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NATIONAL MARKETING INSTITUTE GRANTEE, EMIL KEREMIDCHIEV,

WRITING IN OTECHESTVEN FRONT ECHOES ACCOMPLISHMENTS, IMPORTANCE OF INTERGRATION AND NEW ROLE OF CEMA ALONG LINES REPORTED IN REFTEL (A). BUT APPARENTLY HAS TAKEN MORE POSITIVE TACK PARTICULARLY ON EAST-WEST RELATIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. KEREMIDCHIEV BEGAN HIS ARTICLE BY SAYING BREZHNEV EXPRESSED THE UNANIMOUS OPINION OF LEADERS OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WHEN HE SAID THE PRINCIPAL QUESTION OF OUR TIMES IS HOW TO EXPAND THE PROCESS OF RELAXATION OF WORLD TENSION SO THERE WILL BE NO RETURN TO THE DARK DAYS OF THE COLD WAR, AN ITEM HIGH ON THE AGENDA OF THE CRIMEAN MEETING. IN IDENTIFYING URGENT TASKS IN FOREIGN TRADE RELATIONS, KEREMIDCHIEV QUOTED BREZHNEV AS SAYING "TO ESTABLISH MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS ON A LARGE SCALE WITH THE CAPITALIST WORLD WHICH WOULD BE A GREAT HELP TO THE PRESENT CONSTRUCTIVE POLITICAL CHANGES; TO CONTINUE CONSISTENTLY THE COURSE TO STILL GREATER DEVELOPMENT AND STRENGTHENING OF COOPERATION WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN ASIA, AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA". KEREMIDCHIEV ADDED "EVIDENTLY THE SITUATION IS NOW RIPE FOR CREATING AN ECONOMIC FOUNDATION FOR COOPERATION WITH NON-SOCIALIST COUNTRIES" AND THESE ECONOMIC FOUNDATIONS CAN SERVE AS A BASIS AND GUARANTEE FOR PEACE AND CAN ONLY BE CREATED THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MUTALLY BENEFICIAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS, SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND BROAD PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR THROUGH INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION.

3. THE REMAINDER OF THE ARTICLE DEALS WITH CEMA'S ACHIEVEMENTS AND CHALLENGES INCLUDING HIGHER INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION RATE (15 PERCENT) THAN ADVANCED CAPITALIST COUNTRIES (8.8 PERCENT); SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN COAL, PETROLEUM AND PRODUCT; AND IRON ORE; SUCCESS OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS UNIFIED POWER SYSTEM (MIR), "INTERMETAL", "AGRO MAST", THE INTERNATIONAL BANK OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION, INTERATOMINSTRUMENT", ETC.; JOINT PLANNING ON ALL LEVELS; MODERNIZATION; AND SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL COOPERATION.

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4. INTERNATIONALLY, CEMA IS IMPORTANT AND GAINING STRENGTH AND PRESTIGE. CEMA HAS "CONTRACTUAL" RELATIONS WITH YUGOSLAVIA; GRANTED MEMBERSHIP TO CUBA IN 1972; SIGNED COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH FINLAND WITHIN THE LAST TWO MONTHS; AND HAS ESTABLISHED CONTACTS WITH IRAQ AND MEXICO, THE ARTICLE STATES.

5. COMMENT: THERE HAS BEEN A SPATE OF ARTICLES ON THE CRIMEAN MEETING AND INTERGRATED PLANNING. WHERE POSSIBLE AND LOGICAL ARTICLES SEEMS TO BE PREPARING READERS FOR EXPANDED CONTACTS WITH THE NON-SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. ON INTEGRATED PLANNING A ROMANIAN EMBOFF CLAIMS IT MEANS MORE AND BETTER PROJECT TO PROJECT COOPERATION.

6. FYI: OUR FILES INDICATE KEREMIDCHIEV WENT TO US IN 1966 AS GRANTEE. NO ONE AT THE EMBASSY NOW KNOWS HIM BUT WE HOPE TO RE-ESTABLISH CONTACT.
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